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SEWAGE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS

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Section 1. No person, firm or corporation, public utility, city, town, village or other public body or institution, shall discharge, drain or deposit, or cause or suffer to be discharged, drained or deposited, any sewage, garbage, offal, filth, or any animal, mineral, or vegetable matter or substance, offensive, injurious or dangerous to health, into any springs, streams, rivers, lakes, tributaries thereof, acequias, ditches, wells or other waters used or intended to be used for human consumption or for domestic purposes; or maintain a sewer farm or erect, construct, excavate, or maintain or cause to be erected, constructed, excavated or maintained, any privy, vault, cesspool, sewage treatment works, sewer pipes or conduits, or other pipes or conduits for the treatment and discharge of sewage effluents or impure water, gas, oils, acids, tar, or any matter or substance offensive, injurious or dangerous to health, whereby the same shall overflow lands or shall discharge, flow, seep, drain, condense into or otherwise pollute or affect any waters intended for human consumption or for domestic purposes; or add to, modify or alter any of the plant, works or system thereof or the manner or place of discharge or disposal; or erect or maintain any permanent or temporary house, camp, or tent, so near to such springs, streams, rivers, lakes, or tributaries thereof, acequias, ditches or other sources of water supply, as to cause or suffer the drainage, seepage, or flow of impure waters or of any sewage, or the discharge or deposit therefrom of any injurious or dangerous animal, mineral or vegetable matter, to pollute such waters, without a permit from the state health officer as herein provided.

Section 2. Whenever any county, city, town, village, district, community, institution, person, firm or corporation, shall desire to deposit or discharge or continue to deposit or discharge into any stream, river, acequia, ditch, lake or tributary thereof, or into any other waters used or intended to be used for human consumption or for domestic purposes, or into or upon any place the surface or subterranean drainage from which may run or percolate into any such stream, river, lake, tributary, or other waters, any sewage, sewage effluent, or other substance by the terms of section one of the regulations forbidden so to be deposited or discharged; or shall desire to maintain a sewer farm, or to permit the overflow of sewage onto any land whatever; or shall desire to erect, construct, excavate or maintain any privy, vault, cesspool, sewage treatment works, sewer pipe or conduits, or other pipes or conduits for the treatment or discharge of sewage, sewage effluents, or any matter offensive, injurious or dangerous to health; or shall desire to add to, modify or alter any of the plant, works, or system or manner of place of discharge or disposal, he or it shall file with the State Board of Health a petition for permission so to do, together with a complete and detailed plan, description and history of the existing or proposed works, system or treatment plant, or of such proposed addition to, modification or alteration of any of the plant, works, system or manner or place of discharge or disposal, such plans and general statement to be in such form and to cover such matters as the state health officer shall prescribe. Thereupon, a thorough investigation of the proposed or existing works, system and plant, and all circumstances and conditions by him deemed to be material, shall be made by the state health officer. As a part of such investigation, and after ten days' notice by mail to the petitioner, a hearing or hearings may be had before the state health officer or an examiner appointed by him for the purpose. At such hearing or hearings witnesses who testify may be sworn by the person conducting the hearing, and evidence, oral and documentary, may be required, a record of which shall be made and filed with said officer or examiner. Upon the completion of such investigation said officer,

(a) If he shall determine as a fact that the substance being or to be discharged or deposited is such that under all the circumstances and conditions it may so contaminate or pollute such stream, river, lake, or tributary thereof, acequias, ditches

or other waters, or lands on which it may be discharged, deposited or caused to overflow, as to endanger the lives or health of human beings, or to constitute a nuisance, or does or may constitute a menace to public health or a nuisance, or that under all the circumstances and conditions it is not necessary so to dispose of such substance, the state health officer shall deny the prayer of such petition; and he may order petitioner to make such changes as he shall deem proper for the purpose of these regulations. The state health officer may order such repair, alteration or addition to the existing system, plant, and works, that the sewage or substance being or intended to be discharged or disposed of shall not contaminate or pollute streams or other water supplies, or endanger the lives or health of human beings, or constitute a nuisance; and said officer may order such changes of method, manner and place of disposal and the installation of such treatment works that streams or other water supplies will not be polluted or contaminated and the works and disposal shall not constitute a menace to the health of human beings, or a nuisance; which orders shall designate the period within which the required changes are to be made; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that a temporary permit may be issued by the state health officer for said period to permit compliance with such order or orders;

(b) If he shall determine, as a fact, that the substance being or to be discharged or deposited, is not such that under all the circumstances and conditions it will so contaminate or pollute such stream, river, lake, or tributary thereof, or other waters, as to endanger the lives or health of human beings, or to constitute a nuisance, and that under all the circumstances and conditions it is necessary so to dispose of such substance, the state health officer shall grant to petitioner a permit authorizing petitioner so to deposit or discharge or to continue to deposit or discharge such substance; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that such permit shall not be construed to permit any act forbidden by any provision of the laws of this state relative to the preservation or propagation of fish or game, or relative to the deposit of debris in the streams of the state; AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, that all permits issued hereunder shall be revocable by said officer at any time, or subject to suspension, if said officer shall determine, as a fact, that the substance discharged or deposited by virtue thereof causes or may cause a contamination or pollution of waters or land that does or may endanger the lives or health of human beings, or does or may constitute a nuisance.

Section 3. Whenever any petitioner shall be granted any permit by the state health officer under the provisions of these regulations, such petitioner shall furnish to said state health officer, upon demand, a complete report upon the condition and operation of the system, plant or works, which report shall be made by a competent person at the sole cost and expense of the holder of the permit.